

MILNER

TAKEN FROM Who's Who (1934-35)

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Peel County

1914

A. H. Milner

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 jointly oversee the work of improvement or  
 enlargement that may be necessary to the  
 House of Refuge and arrangements for the  
 General management of the Institution

County Peel

1892.

Wm. C. Milner

bridges Commissioner on county  
 for town of ~~Bolton~~ Brampton

Brampton 1892

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W. Milner

Road and Bridge Committee.

November 1915.

County of Peel.

Council grant the sum of \$25.00  
 Mr. Milner for his services as secretary  
 of the Patriotic Fund for the year ending  
 Dec. 31, 1915.

County of Peel.

January 1914.

Appointed Commissioner on County Bridges.

A. H. Milner

for town of Brampton

7. march 1887 - BRAMPTON.

THOS. MILNER Mayor of Brampton died.

THE CONSERVATOR - Thursday, March 27, 1930. 9/3

Obituary - Mrs. Jane Milner

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An old and highly esteemed resident of Brampton passed away last Saturday, March 22, 1930, in the person of Mrs. Jane Milner, widow of the late Thomas Milner, who predeceased her 43 years ago. Mrs. Milner was a daughter of the late Joseph Hodgson and was born in Brampton 83 years ago, where she has spent all her life. She was a life-long member of St. Paul's Methodist, now United Church, of which her son, Mr. A. H. Milner, is Sunday School superintendent, who was at one time mayor of Brampton. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. A. B. Nicholson, of Toronto, and Miss Hattie Hodgson, of Brampton; three sons, A. H. Milner, Brampton; W. D., Calgary; and W. E., of Winnipeg; two daughters, Mrs. W. M. Treadgold, Toronto, and Miss Jennie, Brampton. The funeral took place from her late residence, South Wellington Street, on Tuesday afternoon to Brampton cemetery.

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MAYOR MILNER

He died about 4 A.M. on Sunday morning, but up to church time it was known to but very few, but when Rev. Mr. Jeffery alluded to the sad event in his prayer and sermon a sadder church we have never seen during our long residence in Brampton or elsewhere. Mr. Jeffery, who had got somewhat .....

Mr. Milner had the peculiar faculty of winning popularity by his genial manner and his splendid gift as a speaker, and at no place more so than in the pulpit, and as Mr. Jeffery stated last Sunday, it was a weekly remark—"Bro. Milner, won't you come and preach for us?" and recently—"Won't you attend such and such political meeting?" ; so much so that with all these public duties and his business his strength was overtaxed, or to use the words of Mr. Jeffery, his electricity was all taken out of him. Wherever it was known that deceased was to preach he had large congregations, and in this respect he was so highly thought of that we have heard stiff Tories say that should he ever be a candidate for Parliamentary honors they would vote for him. But his time for these honors had not yet come, though he lived they were not far off. In business matters he was also much liked, especially so by the farmers, as they had implicit confidence in him.

Deceased was a self-made man. He came to Brampton some 28 years ago a poor boy and engaged with Messrs K. Chisholm & Co., and soon gained their esteem and confidence, and after a few years, by strict economy and steady habits, and by a



Mayor Milner cont'd

help from a relative, he started business for himself both as a merchant and grain buyer, and has been fairly successful, so much so as to leave his family in comfortably circumstances.

St. Paul's Church will miss him very much. He took an active part in the building of that Church, and filled several positions in it as Trustee, Steward, Classleader, and Superintendent of the Sabbath School, which has about 300 on its roll. As a Superintendent of the Sabbath School he will be very much missed, as he was peculiarly adapted for that very important position, & we may safely state that his 300 scholars loved him, his winning manner won every one of them over to him, and it is stated by those who knew him well in this position, that hardly any minister could explain the lessons in that attractive and pleasing manner that he could. He could influence them to love and order both, a gift that very few possess.

He was also popular as a citizen and a politician. He has had bestowed upon him the highest honors that the town could give him as a citizen. He has been Councillor, Reeve and Mayor, and was serving his second term and has been the first mayor that has died during his official term since the incorporation of Brampton.

As a politician, he was a Liberal in the truest sense of the term, always willing to grant the same privilege to the Conservatives that he asked for the Reform party. He has been President of the Reform Association for some years, and was its President up to the time of his death. The Association and the whole of the Reformers of the County, have lost a sterling & energetic friend to that



Mrs. Jessie Morton's Scrap book

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3. Mayor Milner

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INAUGURAL MEETING

Town Council Held Morning and Evening Sessions  
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*W.R. Milner*

From "The Conservator", June 17, 87.

BOARD OF TRADE.

A meeting was held Tuesday night June 14th, 87, in the Council Chamber to organize a Board of Trade. The Mayor occupied the Chair. The Board was formed consisting of all present, also all those who attended the former meeting of two weeks ago. The following were chosen officers pro tem, until the constitution and by-laws are prepared and adopted.

President - K. Chisholm, 1st Vice-Pres., A.F. Campbell,  
2nd Vice-Pres., J.W. Main, Sec. J.H. Finkle,  
Treas. W.J. Peaker.

Executive Com. John Clarke, M. Treadgold, W.R. Milner.

(copy made for each of the names  
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Brampton Cemetery,

Block A.

MILNER ,

A. H.

Thomas - d. 27 Feb. 1887, a. 47 yrs.

Sarah Ann (Hodgson) 1st wife - d. 20 Aug. 1867, a. 26 yrs. 11 m s.

Infant son - d. 18 Aug. 1867.

Jane (Hodgson) 2nd wife of Thos. d. 22 Mar. 1930, a. 83 yrs.

Elizabeth Maud - d. 20 Nov. 1881, a. 7 yrs. 6 mos.

Minnie Belle - d. 29 Nov. 1881, a. 5 yrs. 3 mos. 3 days.

(children of Jane and Thomas).

## Father and Two Sons Held Mayor's Position



LATE THOS. MILNER

Merchant in Brampton for many years and the fifth mayor of the town in the year 1886.



W. E. MILNER

Who like his father before him was a merchant and served as Mayor 1899, 1900, 1906 and 1907.



A. H. MILNER

Also followed in the footsteps of his father and brother and filled the Mayor's Chair in 1916 and 1917.

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Brampton, Ontario, Co. of Peel.

BOLTON ENTERPRISE 2nd Nov., 1934.

"In Days of Yore" 1904

Richard Blain, the Conservative candidate, has been successful in defeating W. E. Milner, the Liberal candidate, in Peel, by a majority of 110. Bolton gave Blain a majority of 9, and at Palgrave he had 63 over Milner. Lockton gave Milner a majority of 30.

## PEEL LIBERALS GIVE MILNER PRESIDENCY

F. W. Wegenast Retains Place of Vice-President in Election  
REVISE CONSTITUTION

Old Document Found Unsigned -- Juniors Ask Greater  
Representation.

With the actual number of votes secured by each unannounced, A. H. Milner defeated F. W. Wegenast in a contest for the presidency of the Peel County Liberal Association at the annual meeting in the Odd Fellows' Hall on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Milner was elected by a secret ballot although all other contested offices were filled by a standing vote. Other Officers are: First vice-president, Mrs. A. Hall and F. W. Wegenast; second vice-presidents, Mrs. C. A. Falconer, Streetsville, and E. M. Dillon, Cooksville; third vice-presidents, Mrs. S. W. Strangways, Brampton, and H. K. House, Cheltenham; secretary, Frank Kitto, Brampton; treasurer, T. H. Graham, Inglewood.

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X **Dr. Milner**

Dr. Beverley Milner, 69 years of age, died suddenly while returning home from attending a patient. He had been a resident of Toronto for many years. He is survived by his wife, the former Clara Maud Aitken, a native of Brampton, one son, Beverley, of Toronto, two daughters, Dorothy and Marjorie, at home, and one sister, Mrs. E. M. Saunders, Toronto.

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1914  
Lillian E. J.*

*Memorandum 22nd June 1935*

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*22nd June 1935*

**New Registrar Sworn In.**

A. H. Milner, successor to the late James R. Fallis, was sworn in as registrar of the Supreme Court, and clerk of the County Court at a brief meeting of Court House officials today. Crown Attorney A. G. Davis administered the oath to Mr. Milner, whose appointment, recommended by the Peel Liberal Association, was publicly confirmed by Attorney-General A. W. Roebuck. *1935*

**Medal Winner**

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EARLY PIONEERS. 1.

1. Where did your family come from, and what were their names?

*Yorkshire England*  
*Thomas Milner*

2. When did they come?

*about 1860*

3. How did they come?

*Sailing vessel*

4. Where did they first settle?

*Lofo Junction*  
*Middlesex*  
*County*  
*Near London*

5. Why did they settle there in particular?

*No particular reason*

6. Where else did they live in the county?

*No place else*

2.

7. At what ages did the first settlers die?

76 my Grand Father  
47 my Father

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8. Where were they buried?

Buampton  
Cemetery

9. What were their first crops?

Wheat

10. Did they do much hunting and fishing?

No.

11. What sort of farm tools did they have?

Plow

12. Do you recall any catastrophes which put back the early settlers?

None

13. Any fires?

No



3.

14. Floods?

often heard of the  
swollen Thames.

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15. Lightning?

None

16. Serious accidents?

None

17. Any plagues or storms of any kind which destroyed the crops?

No

18. Do you recall any humorous incidents connected with the early days or any stories of hair-breadth escapes, or exciting contests?

No

19. Any stories of personal rivalry or co-operation in early romances?

No

6.

33. Has there been any couple who had a golden wedding, or were married fifty years or over? If so, who, and when?

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No

34. Who in your family belonged to or served in any of the military organizations, past or present, and what rank had they?

Two Sons Privates  
one boy served during all the war  
from 1914 - 1918. the other boy  
three years

35. Give particulars of any school, church, lodge, agricultural municipality, or other boards or committees, you or any of your people have served on, in Peel or elsewhere.

Mention also, the business or profession of each, and any political honours won.

Thomas Milner Father was Mayor Brampton

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A. H. Milner Mayor Brampton

W. E. Milner Member County Council (Brampton)

W. E. Milner Liberal Candidate  
Brampton House 1904

J. Milner Past Master Masonic Lodge 229

W. E. Milner Past Master " 229

A. H. Milner Chairman Brampton  
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William D. Milner  
Chairman of the Board

Roy Milner, a former Brampton boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Milner, is President of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, the largest organization of its kind in Canada. The bill for the establishment of a Grain Board was last week considered by a special committee of the House of Commons, with the Hon. R. B. Bennett as chairman. Mr. Milner was the chief witness. In the course of his examination he showed himself not only familiar with the business and importance of the great organization of which he is the chief executive, but possessed of a wide knowledge of the grain situation throughout the world. His questioning by the Prime Minister and his cautious replies were the features of an all-day investigation, at the conclusion of which he received a hearty "thank you," from Mr. Bennett. His school boy chums, still resident in Brampton, learn with pleasure the success in business of one of their number.